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The next speaker was W. A. Cooper, who also urged the adoption of the petition. He said that in apostolic times women occupied every position in the church except that of the ministry and eldership, and cited instances to show that women were deacons and prophets.

Instruction Not Observed.

"If we are going to observe St. Paul's instruction for women to keep silence in the churches," he said, "then Bishop Denny must be indicted for allowing that woman to speak who addressed this conference on Friday."

J. H. Amis, W. E. Jenkins and C. C. Wertheimer did not favor the adoption of the report. J. H. Light, who brought the original petition on the Lynchburg District, however, after which the petition of the Lynchburg preachers' meeting was framed, spoke in support of the petition.

J. H. Atwell said, in connection with the petition, that the equal of men in loyalty, intellect and heart, and the right of the church is theirs. "This movement is going to carry, and when anything like this comes, I will always be ready enough to get in line and vote for it."

Several other members of the conference emphasized the point that the women of the church are already doing the official duties of the church and should be recognized as such, as justice demands, on this account.

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From All Over Country They Gather for Congress in Washington.

LAKE MAKES MAIN ADDRESS

Believes Greatest Difficulty Is Lack of State and Federal Co-Operation.

Washington, November 17.—Conservation experts from all sections of the United States and a delegation from Canada arrived here to-day to take part in the fifth National Conservation Congress, which begins to-morrow.

Several sectional meetings were held to-day, at which preliminary features of the congress were discussed. The National Association of Conservation Commissioners was addressed by Secretary Lane, who made a plea for greater co-operation between the State and Federal authorities.

The secretary stressed that the greatest obstacle in the preparation of an adequate conservation policy was the conflict between those who believed in the right of State rights, those who believed in government and the difficulty of the Federal authorities in obtaining the co-operation of State officials.

"Now the government is not wedded to any particular theory, but it is wedded to practical tests that will develop conservation to better the country," continued Secretary Lane. "We are indifferent to the agency employed. You represent the States; I represent what is called the central government. There can be no success unless we do so co-operate."

Reforestation was declared to be the remedy for the coming timber famine in the report of a subcommittee to the forestry section.

"Successful commercial planting," the report concluded, "depends upon a good natural seed, lands of low value upon which to plant, and a choice of species suited to the needs of the market and to the conditions, local and regional, relative freedom from sources of damage, a low initial cost of planting, and a return on the money invested equal at least to a fair rate of interest. The long-time nature of the investment makes planting more feasible for the Federal, State and local governments or long-lived corporations than for the individual or small company."

Other addresses were made before the association of conservationists by Dr. C. B. Vanhise, president of the University of Wisconsin; Dr. George Otis Smith, director of the Geological Survey; H. J. Waters, president of the Kansas State Agricultural College, and others.

Man Has Broken Neck and Dies of Commotion.

New Rochelle, N. Y., November 17.—While in a fair way to make good his reputation as a "bull" rider, a man named "Buck" was killed by a bull named "Buck" who broke his neck as the result of diving from a high platform into a pool of water.

REPORT IS ADVERSE

Government Will Not Improve Scott's Creek at Portsmouth.

Washington, November 17.—An adverse report on the proposed Federal improvement of Scott's creek, a small tributary of the James river, in the limits of Norfolk harbor, Virginia, was submitted to the House to-day by the War Department.

The improvement had been urged for the purpose of general commerce, for furnishing a site for public docks, for the city of Portsmouth and for naval purposes, as one of the branches of the creek extends eastward into the naval hospital reservation at Hospital Point.